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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2006, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-5 and 11-14) in this application.

However, applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement since the subject matter of all of claims 1-15 is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Thus, search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803 which states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy should apply in the present application to

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avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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